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Title RETAINING RING FOR HOLDING  
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS IN A  
CHEMICAL MECHANICAL  
POLISHING APPARATUS

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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1. ☒ Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification (including claims and abstract) [Total Pages 26]
4. ☒ Drawings [Total Sheets 13]
5. ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages ]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application [Note Box 6 below]
    - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
6. ☐ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b is considered as part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
7. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
8. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper Copy
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

10. ☐ Applicant requests early publication. (include publication fee under 37 CFR 1.18(d))
11. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))
12. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an Assignee)
13. ☐ Power of Attorney
14. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
15. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449
  - ☐ Copies of References (except for U.S. patents and applications)
16. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
17. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized)
18. ☐ Claim of Priority & Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
19. ☐ Request & Certification Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (Form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent attached)
20. ☐ Other:

21. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part of prior application no. 10/322,427.  
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